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1. KUMAR'S REPORTS HELP TO CONVEY PYONGYANG ATMOSPHERE
AND GENERALLY ACCORD WITH OTHER SOURCES. OCCASIONAL
DISCREPANCIES PROBABLY REFLECT DIFFICULTY OF GETTING
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN A CLOSED SOCIETY. WE DO WONDER
WHICH PUBLICATIONS (PARA 1 REFTL) CARRY KIM CHONG-IL'S
WORDS IN BLUE INK AND KIM IL-SONG'S IN RED. PARTY NEWS-
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INK AND HAS NOT YET QUOTED THE SON. HOWEVER, OTHER SOURCES

HAVE CONFIRMED THAT KIM CHONG-IL'S PORTRAIT HANGS IN SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THAT PRO-PYONGYANG KOREANS IN JAPAN WERE RECENTLY LECTURED ON KIM CHONG-IL'S THOUGHTS.

2. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES KUMAR REPORTS AND HOPES CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED.

3. KIM IL-SONG SUGGESTED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE REPORTERS (FBIS SEPT. 2) THAT LABOR PARTY CONVENTION DUE IN 1976 MIGHT BE POSTPONED UNTIL 1977. EARLIER, A NORTH KOREAN OFFICIAL HAD SAID CONVENTION WOULD BE IN LATE 1975. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KUMAR'S COMMENTS ON PARTY CONFERENCE PROSPECTS AND REASONS FOR POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT. KISSINGER

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